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FOLLOWING IS BERLIN SITUATION AUG 28, 1961:

SECTOR-SECTOR BORDER: WEEK END PASSED WITHOUT MAJOR BORDER DISTURBANCES THOUGH REPORTS INDICATE THAT VOPO BECOMING MORE AGGRESSIVE IN ATTEMPTING TO ENFORCE 100 METER NO MAN'S LAND ON WEST BERLIN SIDE SECTOR BORDER, WHERE STRENGTHENING OF BARRIERS CONTINUES. SEVERAL INSTANCES REPORTED OF VOPO USING TEAR GAS GRENADES, WATER CANNON AND FIRING WARNING SHOTS ON PERSONS APPROACHING BORDER FROM WEST BERLIN SIDE. US CAPTAIN AND TWO SOLDIERS ON BORDER PATROL WERE SHOWERED BY VOPO WATER CANNON OR FIRE HOSE IN EISENSTRASSE. VOPO REPEATEDLY VIOLATED AMERICAN SECTOR BORDER AT POINT NOT YET FENCED AND CARRIED OFF WHAT WERE DESCRIBED AS EIGHT STRAW TRUSSES USED BY FARMERS IN AREA FOR THRESHING. VOPO IGNORED WEST BERLIN POLICE ORDER TO WITHDRAW AND RAISED SUBMACHINE GUNS IN FIRING POSITION ON THE LATTERS' APPROACH. LOUDSPEAKER CONTEST CONTINUED, WITH SEVERAL INSTANCES OF CROWDS NUMBERING IN HUNDREDS COLLECTING NEAR SPEAKERS. WEST BERLIN POLICE ASSISTED BY ALLIED TROOPS WERE ABLE PREVENT SERIOUS INCIDENTS. ONE COMPANY FORCE "B" USED FOR CROWD CONTROL IN US SECTOR ON AUTHORIZATION US COMMANDANT.

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TRAFFIC CONTINUING MOVE THROUGH FRIEDRICHSTRASSE CROSSING POINT WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. FOUR FRENCH SOLDIERS WHO ENTERED EAST BERLIN VIA U-BAHN ARRESTED BY VOPO SATURDAY NIGHT AT BAHNHOF FRIEDRICHSTRASSE, WHICH SOME DISTANCE WITHIN EAST BERLIN NOT AT CROSSING POINT. SOLDIERS EVENTUALLY TURNED OVER TO SOVS AND RELEASED. FURTHER INSTANCES VANDALISM AGAINST S-BAHN REPORTED.

NEW WEST BERLIN U-BAHN LINE PLACED IN OPERATION TODAY. LINE RUNS APPROXIMATELY NORTH-SOUTH AND CONNECTS AREAS PREVIOUSLY CONNECTED ONLY BY LINE RUNNING THROUGH SOVSECTOR.

POSTERS APPEARED AT S-BAHN STATIONS WESTKREUZ AND ZOO: BEARING LEGEND. "ACCORDING TO ORDER OF WEST BERLIN OCCUPATION POWERS TO WEST BERLIN SENAT, POLICE PRESIDIUM IN WEST BERLIN HAS FORBIDDEN ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION FORMS AND ISSUANCE OF ENTRY PERMITS FOR WEST BERLINERS TO VISIT DEMOCRATIC SECTOR OF BERLIN. IT THEREFORE NOT POSSIBLE FOR TIME BEING TO ISSUE SUCH PERMITS HERE." POSTERS REMOVED OR OBLITERATED ON INSTRUCTION WEST BERLIN INTERIOR SENATOR.

LABOR: SINCE AUG 13, IN METAL TRADES ALONE, SIXTY-THREE WORKERS FIRED OR "FURLOUGHED" BECAUSE THEY SED MEMBERS OR SYMPATHIZERS WHOSE CONTINUED PRESENCE IN PLANTS INTOLERABLE TO WORKERS.

SENATOR FOR LABOR ESTIMATES SOME 10,000 OF 63,000 FORMER BORDER-CROSSERS NOW REMAIN ON JOB IN WEST BERLIN.

DGB'S TEACHERS UNION, IN SHARP PROTEST AGAINST RECENT COMMUNIST ACTS, REVEALED 60 TEACHERS AND SOME 3000 STUDENTS FROM WEST BERLIN SCHOOLS AMONG THOSE NOW CUT OFF IN EAST BERLIN/AND NEIGHBORING SOVZONE.

MISCELLANEOUS: TRICKLE OF REFUGEES CONTINUES ARRIVE WEST BERLIN. MOST OF THOSE COMING ARE SWIMMING TELTOW CANAL, JUMPING FROM WINDOWS OF HOUSES OVERLOOKING WEST SECTOR, OR HOPPING WALLS. VOPO DEFECTIONS CONTINUE FIGURE IN REPORTS.

EAST GERMANS WITH LAND PARCELS IN BRITISH SECTOR EXCLAVES

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